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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Alan R. Kaufman :  
: Group Art Unit 3624  
Serial No.: 09/900,106 :  
: Examiner: Bashore, Alain L.  
Filed: July 6, 2001 :  
: Attorney Docket No.: 54432-5001  
For: METHOD FOR ISSUING A :  
DERIVATIVE CONTRACT :

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks in response to the official action dated October 2, 2002. A Petition for a One-Month Extension Of Time, together with the required fee, is being filed simultaneously herewith, and forms a part hereof. Applicant notes that the One-Month Extension Of Time expires on Sunday, February 2, 2003, and the present Response To Official Action is being filed on the next business day, namely, February 3, 2003. To the extent that any further Extension of Time is required in connection with this submission, Applicant hereby petitions for an additional one-month extension of time, and requests that the fee for this additional one-month extension be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper, and the papers and/or fees referred to herein as transmitted, submitted or enclosed, are being deposited on the date shown below with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Name Daniel H. Golub Signature [Signature] Date of Deposit February 3, 2003